FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Addres	1 0	erson [*]	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
<u>Hayes William B</u>			HOLDINGS [LH]		Director	10% Owner			
(Last) 531 SOUTH SPH	(First) RING STREET	(Middle) [3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/28/2012	X	Officer (give title below) Chief Financial C	Other (specify below) Officer, EVP			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line)	ridual or Joint/Group Fili	ng (Check Applicable			
BURLINGTON	NC	27215		X	Form filed by One Re	porting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)			Form filed by More the Person	an One Reporting			
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transa Code (8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Securities Beneficially	Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(1150.4)
Common Stock	02/28/2012		Α		7,000	A	\$ <mark>0</mark>	28,565	D	

 Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

 (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code (8)		5. Number of Expiration Dat Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		ate	te Amount of			9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

<u>/s/ F. Samuel Eberts III,</u> <u>Attorney-in-Fact for William</u>

03/01/2012

B. Hayes

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

 * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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